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SUBJECT: PAN ADRIA PIPELINE

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- 1. ACCORDING TO ROMANIAN FOREIGN TRADE ORGANIZATION OFFICIAL, ROMANIA HAS HELD DISCUSSIONS WITH YUGOSLAV CONSORTIUM MEMBERS AND WITH HUNGARIANS ON EXTENSION OF PAN ADRIA PIPELINE BRANCH TO TIMISOARA, EITHER FROM PANCEVO OR NOVI SAD. PIPELINE BRANCH WITH DIAMETER OF ABOUT 20 INCHES BEING DISCUSSED. NO AGREEMENT ON ROMANIAN PARTICIPATION REACHED AT THIS POINT BECAUSE PLANNED TIMISOARA REFINERY WHICH PIPELINE WOULD SERVICE IS EXPECTED TO BE ONLY PARTLY ON STREAM BY 1982, HENCE ROMANIANS WISH TO BEGIN PIPELINE CONSTRUCTION ONLY AFTER 1980. THIS LATE DATE IS NOT ACCEPTABLE TO OTHER PARTIES, AND OTHER DISAGREEMENTS EXIST REGARDING FINANCING.
- 2. IF TIMISOARA BRANCH OF PIPELINE IS NOT CONSTRUCTED, ROMANIANS INTEND TO SUPPLY PLANNED NEW REFINERY THERE FROM PORT OF CONSTANTA THROUGH DOMESTIC PIPELINE NETWORK, SUPPLEMENTED AT LEAST TEMPORARILY BY RAIL. SURVEY OF MINERAL AND OIL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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RESOURCES IN TIMISOARA AREA NOW UNDER WAY, AND ROMANIANS WISH

TO ASSESS TOTAL REQUIREMENTS BEFORE COMMITTING THEMSELVES ON PIPELINE.

3. GEOMIN FTO OFFICIAL ALSO NOTED THAT CONSTRUCTION ABOUT TO BEGIN OF USSR-BULGARIA NATURAL GAS PIPELINE PASSING THROUGH EASTERN ROMANIA. ALL CONTRACTS HAVE BEEN COMPLETED AND ROMANIA WILL PARTICIPATE IN CONSTRUCTION OF PORTION WITHIN BULGARIA AS WELL AS ROMANIAN SEGMENT. MARTENS

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